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SUBJ: UNHCR HOSTAGES HELD BY CHILEAN REFUGEES

1. IN CONVERSATION THIS MORNING PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, TOLD US EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES IN CONFIDENCE THAT CONVERSATIONS IN PROGRESS IN NEW YORK WITH KING GUSTAV FOR POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF CHILEAN REFUGEES IN NORWAY. PARALLEL EFFORTS UNDERWAY WITH ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVES, WHO HAVE RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE FROM MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOUTEFILKA. SADRUDDIN SAID ALGERIAN POSSIBILITY STILL APPARENTLY NOT KNOWN TO MEDIA.

2. ACCORDING TO SADRUDDIN WHO HAS SPECIAL REP NOW IN BUENOS AIRES, HOSTAGES ARE AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED. REFUGEES, WHO ARE ARMED WITH COLLECTION OF SMALL HAND GUN AND TWO GRENADES, WERE APPARENTLY ALREADY ON LIST FOR RESETTLEMENT OUTSIDE ARGENTINA AND BECAME IMPATIENT AND DESPERATE AFTER LONG DELAYS IN ACTUAL MOVEMENT. (US REP OBSERVED PARALLEL WITH VIETNAMESE REPATRIATES IN GUAM.)

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3. UNHCR IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE PLANE WHEN NEEDED ACCORDING TO

SADRUDDIN, WHO REMAINS HOPEFUL INCIDENT CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT INTERVENTION BA POLICE AND CASUALTIES, BUT DEPLORES PRECEDENT IN TERMS ATTITUDE OF OTHER IMPATIENT REFUGEE GROUPS.

4. LATE BULLETIN: HCR NOW ADVISES NORWAY HAS BOWED OUT AND ALGERIA ONLY REMAINING SERIOUS PROSPECT.ABRAMS

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